

SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION

"STANDSTILL AND SURVIVE"

INSERT FOR PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

The threat to the peace is an attack on the historic purposes and institutions of the Inter-American system, and a challenge to the purposes and institutions of the United Nations. We are obliged - and we take our obligations seriously - to bring this threat to the Organization of American States for urgent action. Under the Charter of the United Nations -- and we take the Charter seriously -- we must also bring to the Security Council any threat to the peace. I am asking that emergency meetings of both peace organizations be convened without delay.

In these necessary talks with our neighbors in a world grown crowded and dangerous, our purpose will be to keep the cold war out of the Western Hemisphere, and keep the Hemisphere out of the nuclear confrontation, by establishing effective international machinery to assure the territorial integrity and political independence of Cuba and its people.

I have asked Ambassador Stevenson to present on behalf of the United States proposals to enlist the peacekeeping function of the United Nations for these purposes.

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The Soviet nuclear buildup in Cuba reveals again, with stark clarity, how thin is the margin which separates the world from the danger of nuclear war.

We believe it would be useful to meet with the Soviet leadership at heads of government level.

At an early conference with the Soviet Union, I would hope we could discuss not only the Cuban issue but the urgent need for control of nuclear weapons, including testing and foreign missile bases, with a view to eliminating the danger to the whole world of our nuclear rivalry.

But no such meeting can be fruitful if it is held in an atmosphere of threats and counter-threats, action and counter-action. I would propose, pending the outcome of the conference, a standstill on all foreign military activity in and around Cuba, to be agreed in the Security Council and supervised by a UN Observer Corps.

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